

# Senate Study Bill 1025

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act regulating professional unarmed combat fighting,  
2 prohibiting amateur unarmed combat fighting, and providing for  
3 fees and penalties.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 90A.1, Code 2007, is amended by adding  
1 2 the following new subsection:  
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. "Boxing" or "wrestling" means any  
1 4 kind of boxing, wrestling, or unarmed combat fighting activity  
1 5 that is considered a professional match or activity as set  
1 6 forth in subsection 5.  
1 7 Sec. 2. Section 90A.1, subsection 5, Code 2007, is amended  
1 8 to read as follows:  
1 9 5. "Professional boxing or wrestling match" means a boxing  
1 10 or wrestling or professional unarmed combat fighting contest  
1 11 or exhibition open to the public in this state for which the  
1 12 contestants are paid or awarded a prize for their  
1 13 participation.  
1 14 Sec. 3. Section 90A.1, Code 2007, is amended by adding the  
1 15 following new subsection:  
1 16 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. "Unarmed combat fighting" means mixed  
1 17 martial arts fighting, extreme fighting, ultimate fighting, or  
1 18 shoot fighting.  
1 19 Sec. 4. Section 90A.2, subsection 1, Code 2007, is amended  
1 20 to read as follows:  
1 21 1. A person shall not act as a promoter of a professional  
1 22 boxing or wrestling or professional unarmed combat fighting  
1 23 match, contest, event, or exhibition without first obtaining a  
1 24 license from the commissioner. This subsection shall not  
1 25 apply to a person distributing a closed-circuit, pay-per-view,  
1 26 or similarly distributed signal to a person acting as a  
1 27 promoter or to a person viewing the signal in a private  
1 28 residence.  
1 29 Sec. 5. Section 90A.2, Code 2007, is amended by adding the  
1 30 following new subsection:  
1 31 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Each application for a professional  
1 32 unarmed combat fighting license presented by a promoter shall  
1 33 be accompanied by a one thousand dollar license fee. Fees  
1 34 collected under this subsection shall be considered repayment  
1 35 receipts and shall be used for payment of expenses to  
2 1 administer and regulate unarmed combat fighting contests,  
2 2 matches, events, and exhibitions.  
2 3 Sec. 6. Section 90A.3, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2007, are  
2 4 amended to read as follows:  
2 5 1. Each professional boxer and professional unarmed combat  
2 6 fighter residing in Iowa shall register with the commissioner.  
2 7 The registration application shall be in the form prescribed  
2 8 by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by the fee  
2 9 established by rule by the commissioner. The commissioner  
2 10 shall establish by rule a registration fee of not less than  
2 11 one hundred dollars for any unarmed combat fighter seeking to  
2 12 participate in a professional unarmed combat fighting match,  
2 13 contest, event, or exhibition held in Iowa. The registration  
2 14 information required by the commissioner shall include, but is  
2 15 not limited to, the following:  
2 16 a. The boxer's or professional unarmed combat fighter's  
2 17 name and address.

2 18 b. The boxer's or professional unarmed combat fighter's  
2 19 gender.  
2 20 c. The boxer's or professional unarmed combat fighter's  
2 21 date of birth.  
2 22 d. The boxer's or professional unarmed combat fighter's  
2 23 social security number or, if a foreign boxer or professional  
2 24 unarmed combat fighter, any similar citizen identification  
2 25 number or professional boxer or professional unarmed combat  
2 26 fighter number from the country of residence of the boxer or  
2 27 professional unarmed combat fighter.  
2 28 e. The boxer's personal identification number assigned to  
2 29 the boxer by a professional boxing registry certified by the  
2 30 association of boxing commissions if the boxer is registered  
2 31 with a registry. If a professional unarmed combat fighter  
2 32 registering with the commissioner pursuant to this section has  
2 33 been assigned a personal identification number by a  
2 34 professional unarmed combat fighter registry certified by a  
2 35 professional unarmed combat fighter association or commission,  
3 1 the professional unarmed combat fighter shall submit to the  
3 2 commissioner the identification number assigned to the  
3 3 professional unarmed combat fighter by the registry.  
3 4 f. Two copies of a recent photograph of the boxer or  
3 5 professional unarmed combat fighter.  
3 6 g. An official government-issued photo identification  
3 7 containing the boxer's or professional unarmed combat  
3 8 fighter's photograph and social security number or similar  
3 9 foreign identification number.  
3 10 2. The commissioner shall issue an identification card to  
3 11 a boxer or professional unarmed combat fighter registered  
3 12 pursuant to this chapter. The identification card shall  
3 13 contain a recent photograph, the boxer's or professional  
3 14 unarmed combat fighter's social security number or similar  
3 15 foreign identification number, and a personal identification  
3 16 number assigned to the boxer by a boxing registry or a  
3 17 personal identification number assigned to the professional  
3 18 unarmed combat fighter if the professional unarmed combat  
3 19 fighter submitted such a number to the commissioner in  
3 20 accordance with subsection 1, paragraph "e".  
3 21 Sec. 7. Section 90A.5, subsection 1, paragraphs c through  
3 22 h, Code 2007, are amended to read as follows:  
3 23 c. A boxer or professional unarmed combat fighter fails to  
3 24 pass a prefight physical examination.  
3 25 d. A match promoter permits a nonregistered boxer or  
3 26 professional unarmed combat fighter to participate in a  
3 27 professional boxing or professional unarmed combat fighting  
3 28 match, event, contest, or exhibition.  
3 29 e. A match promoter permits a person whose license,  
3 30 registration, or authority, issued pursuant to this chapter,  
3 31 is under suspension to participate in a boxing or professional  
3 32 unarmed combat fighting event.  
3 33 f. A match promoter, or professional boxer, or  
3 34 professional unarmed combat fighter is under suspension by any  
3 35 other state boxing or professional unarmed combat fighting  
4 1 regulatory organization.  
4 2 g. A match promoter, or professional boxer, or  
4 3 professional unarmed combat fighter is under suspension in any  
4 4 state.  
4 5 h. A match promoter, professional boxer, professional  
4 6 unarmed combat fighter, or participant is in violation of  
4 7 rules adopted pursuant to section 90A.7.  
4 8 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 90A.13 ATTENDANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS.  
4 9 Attendance at any professional boxing or wrestling match is  
4 10 limited to individuals eighteen years of age or older.  
4 11 However, if liquor or beer is sold or served on the premises  
4 12 in which the match is held, attendance at any professional  
4 13 boxing or wrestling match is limited to individuals twenty-one  
4 14 years of age or older.  
4 15 Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. 90A.14 AMATEUR UNARMED COMBAT  
4 16 FIGHTING PROHIBITED == PENALTY.  
4 17 1. Amateur unarmed combat fighting contests, matches,  
4 18 events, or exhibitions are prohibited in this state.  
4 19 2. A person who acts as an amateur unarmed combat fighting  
4 20 match promoter in violation of this section is subject to a  
4 21 civil penalty of twenty thousand dollars per violation.  
4 22 3. For the purposes of this section, an amateur unarmed  
4 23 combat fighting match promoter is a person who does at least  
4 24 one of the following:  
4 25 a. Organizes, holds, advertises, or otherwise conducts an  
4 26 amateur unarmed combat fighting match.  
4 27 b. Charges admission for the viewing of an amateur unarmed  
4 28 combat fighting match received through a closed=circuit,

4 29 pay=per=view, or similarly distributed signal.

4 30 EXPLANATION

4 31 This bill defines "boxing" or "wrestling", for purposes of  
4 32 Code chapter 90A, which regulates boxing and wrestling, as any  
4 33 kind of boxing, wrestling, or unarmed combat fighting activity  
4 34 that is considered a professional match or activity. The bill  
4 35 places professional unarmed combat fighting under the

5 1 regulatory authority of the labor commissioner.

5 2 The bill defines "unarmed combat fighting" as mixed martial  
5 3 arts fighting, extreme fighting, ultimate fighting, or shoot  
5 4 fighting. The bill requires a person who promotes such  
5 5 professional fighting to obtain a license from the  
5 6 commissioner and to pay a \$1,000 licensing fee. Professional  
5 7 unarmed combatants must register with the commissioner and pay  
5 8 a registration fee of not less than \$100.

5 9 Persons who attend a professional boxing or wrestling match  
5 10 must be 18 years or older, or 21 years or older if liquor or  
5 11 beer is sold or served on the match premises.

5 12 Amateur unarmed combat fighting contests of any sort are  
5 13 prohibited. Anyone who promotes such a contest is subject to  
5 14 a civil penalty of \$20,000 per violation.

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